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ISLE OF THANET BUILDING SOCIETY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members will be held in the Society's Offices, 46 QUEEN STREET, RAMSGATE, on THURSDAY, MARCH 11th, 1943, at 3 p.m., to receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts to December 31st, 1942, to elect Directors, to confirm the appointment of Auditors, and to transact any other business in accordance with the Rules.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
WILLIAM W. WETHERILL, *Secretary.*

Ramsgate. 26th February, 1943.

A Copy of the Annual Accounts will be supplied to any member on request.

WEST CLIFF THEATRE, RAMSGATE
Manager: Rupert J. Costerton Telephone 194

THURSDAY, MARCH 11th
7.30 p.m. to 12 midnight

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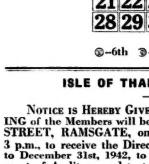

Nightmare at 2.53, 5.54, 8.39
Mrs. Wiggs at 3.45, 6.51

THURSDAY, March 4th—Three Days
JEAN GABIN, IDA LUPINO, THOMAS MITCHELL in
MOONTIDE
At 2.5, 5.0, 8.2 (Fri. 1.45, 4.42, 8.21) (A)

Richard Travers, Brenda Joyce in
The Postman Didn't Ring
At 3.39, 6.39 (Friday 3.19, 6.22) (U)

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Stage 7.49

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TO-DAY and TO-MORROW
Anna NEAGLE, Anton WALBROOK in
QUEEN VICTORIA
At 3.0, 5.25, 7.50 (A)

Also Robert Newton, Rene Ray in
THE GREEN COCKATOO
At 2.9, 4.36, 6.55 (A)

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY
John WAYNE, Binnie BARNES in
IN OLD CALIFORNIA
At 2.9, 4.50, 7.40 (U)

Also Frankie Darro, Lorna Gray in
THE GANG MADE GOOD
At 3.35, 6.33 (U)

WEST CLIFF BALLROOM

Frederic Hargraves and His Orchestra
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Tues., Thurs. and Fri., 7 to 10—1/-
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Shipmates' Whist.—The weekly whist drive of the Broadstairs branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association at the Clarendon Hotel was well attended. Mrs. G. Partridge presented the prizes and Shipmate W. Lawrence was M.C.

ST. PETER'S VICAR RESIGNS

IMPENDING CHANGES

BASELESS ACCUSATIONS —SAYS ARCHBISHOP

Changes are pending at St. Peter's Church following the resignation, which he announced at the week-end, of the Rev. L. F. H. Hamel-Smith, who has been Vicar since 1938.

Mr. Hamel-Smith succeeded the Rev. K. Percival Smith, now Vicar of Margate, but his active association with the life of St. Peter's only lasted until the outbreak of war, when he left the district to become Chaplain to the Forces. He is at present in Northern Ireland.

Following his departure from St. Peter's, Mr. Hamel-Smith's duties were taken over by the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, who is also priest-in-charge of St. Andrew's, Reading Street.

Mr. Meredith is still continuing as priest-in-charge at St. Peter's, in which position he has earned the esteem of the parishioners, but he expects some time in the near future to join the Royal Navy as a chaplain.

Mr. Hamel-Smith consecrated the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. William Temple) to accept his resignation in the following letter:

"My Lord Archbishop,

"Your intimation to me of Meredith's desire to serve as a naval chaplain raises the question of the future spiritual welfare of the parish. In view both of the recent troubles at St. Peter's, involving attacks of a personal nature upon myself, and of the geographical position of the parish, I think that this would best be served by a permanent appointment, which could only be secured in two ways, either by my securing release from my military duties in order to resume my work as Vicar, or by offering my resignation to you Grace in order that you may be free to appoint another incumbent.

"Having regard to the present stage of the war I feel some difficulty in adopting the former alternative, and therefore I request your Grace to accept my resignation from whatever date you may find convenient.

"I am,

"Your Grace's obedient servant,

"L. F. HAMEL-SMITH."

Archbishop's Reply.

The Archbishop replied as follows:

"Lambeth Palace, S.E.
February 17th, 1942.

"My Dear Hamel-Smith,

"I am very sorry that you should be troubled by rumours and accusations apparently sometimes expressed in your parish to the effect that there is something discreditable in your having been absent from parish during the period of the war. As the period fell mainly outside my own occupation of the See of Canterbury I have made thorough enquiry into the facts, and I want to tell you how clear it is that these show such rumours and accusations as I have mentioned to be entirely baseless.

"It was wholly to your credit that you were serving at a Territorial Chaplain in the years before the war. To have sought release from this as you approached would have been manifestly wrong, in spite of the fact that as a Territorial Chaplain you were liable to be called up as soon as war broke out. Your absence from the parish was therefore due to no choice of yours at the time, but to your holding a position which was in every way a credit to you.

"Now that it seems right for the curate whom you had brought with you to the parish and whom my predecessor put in charge of it to take up duty as a Naval Chaplain, I understand that you think it right to resign your benefice so that I may be free to make a new appointment. I greatly appreciate your generosity in taking this line. You are, of course, under no obligation to do so, but I cannot conceal from you my agreement with you that, as you feel unable at this stage to ask for release from your service with the Army, it is in the interest of the parish that the way should be clear for a new incumbent to be appointed. I am very grateful to you for subordinating in this way your own security to the welfare of the parish.

"Yours sincerely,

"WILLIAM CANTUAR."

PRISONER IN ITALIAN HANDS

Reported missing in December when serving in North Africa, Albert John Bax, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Bax, of 42 St. Luke's-avenue, Ramsgate, is now known to be a prisoner in Italian hands.

Nineteen years old, he was serving with the Royal Artillery. He was educated at Dallington School and was afterwards employed as a page boy at St. George's Hotel, Cliftonville. Until joining the Army in January, 1941, Albert was engaged on Government work in Devon and Sussex.

Prior to the war he and his brother Walter were members of the Ramsgate Boxing Club. His eldest brother is in the R.A.F. and his sister in the W.A.A.F.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	... 7.11 p.m.—7.13 a.m.
Wednesday	... 7.13 p.m.—7.11 a.m.
Thursday	... 7.15 p.m.—7.9 a.m.
Friday	... 7.17 p.m.—7.7 a.m.
Saturday	... 7.18 p.m.—7.5 a.m.
Sunday	... 7.19 p.m.—7.2 a.m.

MR. CHARLES WARREN

"TREVOSE,"
120 MARGATE ROAD, RAMSGATE

MR. CHARLES WARREN
Has been favoured with instructions to Sell by Public Auction on the premises

TUESDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1943, at 11 a.m. sharp, the residue of the
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS
comprising:

In bedrooms: modern 3ft. 6in. oak bedstead, 4ft. brass rail bedstead, woven wire mattress, superior wool overlays, feather beds, mahogany and stained chests of drawers, marble-top washstands with tiled backs, bamboo overmantels, striking clocks.

In sittingroom: inlaid walnut oval loo table, 3ft. 6in. mahogany chiffonier, 3ft. bookcase with glazed doors, fireproof iron safe on stand by Cartwright and Son, West Bromwich, new Valor oil heating stove, tapestry drawingroom suite, 3ft. 3in. iron frame pianoforte in ebonised case by B. Lefere and Co.

In kitchen: portable gas copper, deal tables and usual effects.

Catalogues may be obtained of the Auctioneer at his Offices,
99 HIGH STREET, RAMSGATE.

Goods may be viewed on the day prior to sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All goods to be cleared immediately after the sale on 23rd March before 4 p.m.

The Freehold Bungalow will be submitted to Public Auction at 12 noon during the sale of the Furniture.

"TREVOSE,"
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Sale of the
FREEHOLD BUNGALOW
containing:
Two bedrooms, each fitted with electric fires; bathroom, with copper gas boiler and w.c.; sittingroom, with tiled stove and oak surround; kitchen, with range and oven over; and scullery, with sink. Long garden with tool shed and coal and coke bins. Air raid shelter to hold six adults, with brick blast wall.
To be submitted to Public Auction on the premises by
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TUESDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1943, at 12 noon.

The Property may be viewed at any time by arrangement with the Auctioneer, also between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on the day prior to sale.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale may be obtained of the Auctioneer at his Offices.
99 HIGH STREET, RAMSGATE.
or of the Solicitors, Messrs. Wotton and Young, 28 Cavendish-street, Ramsgate.

MOTOR CYCLIST KILLED

An Army motor cyclist, Gnr. John Foley, received fatal injuries when he fell from his machine as he was approaching Nethercourt-circus, Ramsgate, on Saturday.

The circumstances have been reported to Ramsgate Borough Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) and an inquest is being held to-day.

DAUGHTER ASSAULTED

FATHER SENT TO PRISON

WIFE'S FEAR OF HUSBAND

The story of a man's visits to the home of his wife from whom he was living apart and his alleged threat to use a knife on her was unfolded at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

William Ernest Holness, of Seven-score-cottages, Ebbsfleet, was summoned by his wife, who applied for an order against him to keep the peace and be of good behaviour towards her on the grounds that on 16th December he threatened to use a knife on her.

The case was dismissed, the bench declining to make an order, but Holness was sentenced to seven days' and one month's imprisonment respectively for assaulting his daughter, Sylvia Vera Holness, on 16th December and 18th February.

The summons concerning the wife and the case of assaulting the daughter on 16th December were taken together and the other summons relating to 18th February separately.

Mr. A. R. Young, who represented Mrs. Holness and her daughter, said Mr. and Mrs. Holness were married in April, 1925, and there were five children, all under 16. Defendant was employed on a farm at Ebbsfleet and so, in a more casual way, was his wife. Early in June last they separated as a result of unhappy domestic conditions. Since that time the relationship between the parties had grown worse and was the subject of proceedings in another court.

"Systematic Persecution."

"Since last June," said Mr. Young, "defendant has instituted a systematic persecution of his wife and elder children. His wife has gone to live at Chilsend and he is in the habit of going along to the house at all hours, sometimes after midnight, lurking around the bungalow and trying to force his way in and always accompanying his visits with abusive language and shouting allegations of improper conduct on the part of his wife and daughter."

On 16th December, Mr. Young continued, defendant made another of his insulting visits to the bungalow. He demanded admission but was refused for his wife was afraid to admit him or to allow him near her person. "He carried on so much," said Mr. Young, "that eventually Sylvia went to the door with the object of telling him to go away and be quiet. When she opened the door she was struck on the nose by defendant. Some conversation of a heated nature followed and Mrs. Holness, who was behind her daughter, joined in. It was then that the husband said to her 'That was intended for you. You wait till I get hold of you. I will put a knife into you one day. You wait until I see you in the orchard,' or words to that effect. The parties have from time to time met in the orchard where they are both employed, but Mrs. Holness is almost afraid to go to work at all."

Broke the Lock.

Giving evidence, Mrs. Holness said that on 16th December she was about to go to bed and kissed Sylvia and her young man "good-night." She then heard her husband shout from outside the bungalow "That's enough of that, Rene." Her husband then broke the lock of the back door but did not get into the bungalow. He then called me the filthiest names he could lay his tongue to," said Mrs. Holness. "Sylvia and her young man went to the door and my husband got hold of the young man by the throat."

Defendant: I have given you every chance in the past nine months to come back to me.

Mrs. Holness: I do not wish to come back to you.

Defendant: I ask you to study the kids, that is all.

In reply to Mr. Young, Mrs. Holness said she went in fear of the threat defendant used towards her on 16th December.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight): Why did you not issue the summons until 25th February.

Mrs. Holness: I thought I would give him another chance.

Mr. Knight: Doesn't that destroy your case entirely. The magistrates must be satisfied that as a result of threats as long ago as December you go in fear of bodily injury.

Solicitor's Protest.

Mr. Young: It is suggested that your fright was only temporary. Did you consult a solicitor after the threat and were you afraid that if you summoned him he would behave even worse towards you?—Yes.

Was there not, in fact, a further assault last month which compelled you to bring proceedings?—Yes.

Mr. Knight: If nothing had taken place on 18th February you would never have brought him here at all?—No.

Mr. Knight: You lie low for two months with a process in your pocket and you ask the justices to be satisfied that you go in fear of those threats and yet take no action. The justices are entitled to consider that point.

At this stage Mr. Young protested against Mr. Knight's cross-examination of Mrs. Holness. "I do not think Mr. Knight should suggest conclusions which it is for your worships to draw," he said. "Mr. Knight's questions are of the greatest assistance, but he should let it rest at that. I do object to Mr. Knight drawing any conclusions and stating them in this court."

The daughter told the magistrates that when her father struck her on 16th February she thought the blow was intended for her mother but she happened to be in the way. Defendant struck her one blow in the eye and then said terrible things about her mother. "I heard him say he would knife her if he ever got the chance," she said. "At night-time my mother is frightened that he is going to be lurking around. She goes about in a state of fear, especially at night."

Mr. Young: It is suggested that your mother did not summon your father at first because she ceased to be afraid. Is that true?—No. He kept away from the bungalow but she was still frightened of him.

Defendant: I kept quiet at night because the children were then going home at sensible hours. I was always in hopes that my wife would realise what they were doing.

Nothing Improper.

Replying to Mr. Young, the girl said there was no truth in her father's suggestion that there was something improper going on in the bungalow. "He has never been there to see anything," she said. "It is just his wicked mind."

Addressing the magistrates, Mr. Young said it was suggested that because Mrs. Holness did not take proceedings for more than a month that was sufficient to satisfy them that she was no longer afraid. They had heard the daughter, who said her mother was afraid to be in the house at night because her husband might come. He submitted that the true construction of what had happened was that, having consulted solicitors, Mrs. Holness was then afraid that if she issued the summons she would bring upon herself the danger that she sought to avert.

Defendant said that when he struck the daughter on 16th December, the blow was not intended for her and that was why he pleaded not guilty in that case.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said the case concerning the wife would be dismissed. As the magistrates were not satisfied that Mrs. Holness went about in fear of her life. They postponed judgment on the second summons until after the third had been heard.

Took Child Away.

Regarding the case of assault against the daughter on 18th February, to which defendant pleaded guilty, Mr. Young said that on one of his "raiding expeditions" Holness called at the bungalow and forced his way in. He took his four-year-old daughter from the custody of the mother and made off with her. He stood outside the door making foul remarks until the daughter Sylvia went out to him with a rolling pin. Defendant struck her heavily in the eye, knocked her down and made off with the child, who was afterwards rescued by a police constable.

The daughter gave evidence concerning the second assault on her and said her father, as usual, suggested that she and her mother were immoral.

P/C Paddon said he was called to the bungalow about 7.45 p.m. on 18th February and found the family greatly distressed. He went along the road and found defendant with the four-year-old girl in his arms. Witness took the child from him and he made no disturbance.

Witness said he saw Mrs. Holness and her family quite a lot in the course of his duties and they were very respectable people.

C/I Butcher told the magistrates that defendant was bound over for 12 months in November last for assaulting his wife.

Holness was sentenced as stated above.

RAMSGATE GENERAL HOSPITAL

President: Sir John Bayley. Chairman: Dr. R. J. Archibald, J.P. Hon. Treasurer: Lt.-Col. E. E. Ogier, J.P.
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EXTENSIONS APPEAL

Chairman: Mr. C. S. J. Taylor. Acting Hon. Treasurer: The Rev. Harcourt Samuel.

Appeals Secretary: Mrs. M. Cubison.

23rd February, 1943.

Dear Sir or Madam,

In March of last year I reported that at the approach of the fourth anniversary our total was £10,431 12s. 7d. Now I have the pleasurable news that the sum of £10,776 17s. 1d. has been raised up to the time of writing. Please do not think my Committee regards this with full satisfaction or complacency -it is a small increase in a whole year-but consider the times!

There is a long way to go before the completion of our work. Every day we look at our Out-Patient and Casualty Departments and think how impossible it is that so much can be done with so little space, and we renew our resolve to see satisfactory accommodation provided for the suffering. Will the community bear the reproach which can be cast so easily, of having provided so little for the Out-Patients?

We have had a long time to do it. It is 95 years since Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, the mother of Queen Victoria, laid the foundation stone of our first building.

This begins the sixth year of the appeal. So slow it seems, but still we gain ground!

The Hospital deserves well, and eagerly, if with difficulty, does its duty, so often very urgent, of assisting those who go down to the sea in ships, who mount up with wings as eagles, and the ever-blessed P.B.I., to renew their strength, as well as of meeting our local needs. It is true that costs of maintenance for war victims from the services are paid by the Government - but our Hospital provides the building and the nursing.

Let us be proud of what is being done, but please help to make our urgent needs known - AND our desire to complete our Hospital according to modern standards.

Yours very faithfully,

C. S. Taylor

Chairman
EXTENSIONS APPEAL

UNCHANGED

PROPOSED BROADSTAIRS RATE

Broadstairs Council are to inform the Minister of Health that they propose to make and levy a general district rate for the coming year of 13s. 8d. in the £—the same rate as for the current year.

It is proposed also that the water rate should remain unchanged at 1s. 10d. in the £.

The report of the Finance Committee, approved by the Council on Monday, recommended that in respect of the item for general maintenance relating to expenditure on pleasure grounds the figure of £1,125 be substituted for the figure of £25 to provide for the cost of certain works of maintenance in Pierremont Pleasure Grounds and the gardens on the front.

Commenting on the proposed rate, the Chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson), who is also chairman of the Finance Committee, said the Council had endeavoured to maintain the amenities of the town as far as possible under the very difficult circumstances now prevailing. They had paid particular regard to the roads and what might be termed the essential services.

Members were aware of the arrangement entered into by Broadstairs, together with other coastal towns, whereby assistance was given by the Government and it was interesting to note that so far Broadstairs had received £70,900. That was substantially less than was anticipated would be needed. That was occasioned by the very great care they had exercised over their finances during the period, together with the fact that the ratepayers had very loyally responded to their appeal that where payments could be they should be met. Particularly had that been so during the past year. On behalf of the Council he wished to say how much they appreciated the co-operation extended to them by the ratepayers.

CHURCH SERVICES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Preacher next Sunday:
REV. STANLEY S. GREEN
Services 11 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.
Midweek Service Wednesdays, 7 p.m., in Church Parlour
You are warmly invited

Methodist Centenary Hall, Hardres Street, Ramsgate

To-night (Tuesday) at 7 p.m.
DICKENS RECITAL
by
THE REV. D. L. WILLIAMS
Chairman: Mr. W. Fuller
TICKETS 1/—H.M. Forces 6d.
Proceeds for Church Funds

RELIGION & LIFE WEEK

April 10th to 19th

It looks like being a big thing.

Collectors Wanted for AID TO CHINA FLAG DAY

On Saturday, March 6th

Boxes can be obtained at Clarendon House, Ramsgate, on Fri. and Sat.

FOLLOWED HER HUSBAND

WIFE'S VISIT TO DEFENCE AREA

When ordered out of the district by the police, Mrs. Elsie Morrey, of Stoke-on-Trent, changed her lodgings so that she could remain in Broadstairs, where her husband's unit was serving.

At the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday, Mrs. Morrey was fined £1 for remaining in the area for the purposes of pleasure.

P/C Taylor said when he saw defendant on 16th January she told him that where payments could be they should be met. Particularly had that been so during the past year. On behalf of the Council he wished to say how much they appreciated the co-operation extended to them by the ratepayers.

SCALE OF CHARGES

Advertiser and Echo
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Words		1 Week	2 Weeks	3 Weeks	6 Weeks	13 Weeks	26 Weeks	52 Weeks
9	—	9d.	1/2	1/6	2/3	3/9	6/9	11/3
12	—	1/-	1/6	2/-	3/3	5/9	9/9	17/3
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18	—	1/6	2/3	3/-	5/-	9/-	15/-	27/-
21	—	1/9	2/9	3/6	6/-	11/-	18/-	33/-
24	—	2/-	3/-	4/-	7/-	13/-	21/-	39/-
27	—	2/3	3/6	4/6	8/-	15/-	24/-	45/-
30	—	2/6	3/9	5/-	9/-	17/-	27/-	51/-
36	—	3/-	4/6	6/-	11/-	18/-	33/-	54/-

SITUATIONS VACANT

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO WOMEN WORKERS

None of the advertisements below relates to a woman between 20 and 30 unless such a woman (a) has living with her a child of hers under the age of 14, or (b) is registered under the Blind Persons Acts, or (c) has a Ministry of Labour permit to allow her to obtain employment by individual effort.

N.B.—This does not apply to Teachers at recognised schools, members of the Nursing Profession, or to Agricultural Workers.

COOKS and Domestics urgently required for Women's Land Army Hostels; East Kent area; reserved occupation.—Applications to Miss G. M. Smyth, W.L.A. Office, 8 Church-street, Wye, Kent. †99

SITUATIONS available in greyhound racing kennels (London tracks); wages £2 per week; living accommodation found; holidays with pay; Youths 16-18 years, experienced in hound or stable work, preferred.—Write, Box 150, c/o Pool's Advertising Service, Aldwych House, Aldwych, London, W.C.2.

REMOVALS & STORAGE

HARDINGS Removal Service for removals to all parts by modern motor van; loads and part-loads required every day to and from London area; furniture warehoused for any period; estimates free; compare our charges with those of others.—Send postcard or call, Hardings, Removers and Storers. Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate. 'Phone 200.

SITUATIONS WANTED

WOMAN Driver will take full or part-time job.—Write, Box 642, Advertiser Office, Ramsgate. 99

FOR SALE

PORTABLE Pye Wireless Battery Set for sale; 4 valves.—184 Grange-road, Ramsgate. 03

WANTED TO BUY

SERVICE man requires Tennis Racket and six Balls, in good condition.—Write, Box 643, Advertiser Office, Ramsgate. 99

FIGHTER-PILOT LANDS ON GOODWINS

WALKED OVER SANDS TO RESCUERS

Crash-landing his damaged Spitfire on the Goodwin Sands, a wounded Canadian pilot, who had successfully fought off attacks by several F.W. 190s, limped half a mile over the sand banks to a rescue launch.

"I was attacked by F.W. 190s several times when returning from France," he said, "but shook them off and dropped for cloud cover to 8,000 feet. I came out just north of Boulogne, where there were four F.W.190s about 2,000 feet above me. They began to attack but I dodged them as best I could.

"Then I found that my guns would not work and I could not climb, so I decided to bale out.

"By this time I was half-way across the Channel, but I could not jump because F.W. 190s were still attacking, hitting the aircraft all over. I pulled out the plug of my radio telephone, unhooked my oxygen apparatus and threw my helmet away. The enemy then turned back to France, and as they did so my engine failed. I was then too low to bale out. I was, however, near the Goodwin Sands, so I decided to ditch the aircraft.

"The only injury I then received was a scratched nose, though I had been wounded in the leg earlier. I climbed out and inflated my dinghy and sat on the fuselage of the aircraft. Luckily there were only three or four feet of water over the sands and the tide was going out.

"Soon a couple of Air/Sea Rescue launches turned up, but they could not come very close, so I began walking to the nearest launch. The going was a bit heavy until two members of the crew came out to meet me and helped me to hobble along to the launch."

DRAMA AND COMEDY

BRIAN DONLEVY AT ODEON

Drama and comedy are well balanced in the programmes which the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, presents this week.

"Nightmare," the main feature for to-day (Tuesday) and to-morrow is an arresting mystery melodrama based on an intriguing theme. It deals with the murder of a Capt. Stafford, played by Henry Daniell, and the strange series of events which subsequently implicate his wife (Diana Barrymore), who flees from the scene of the crime with a total stranger (Brian Donlevy). Espionage introduces the topical note. The story of "Nightmare" comes from the pen of Philip MacDonald. "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" is the supporting film and its strength and appeal lie in its human simplicity. Dramatic and humorous in turn, the picture presents Fay Bainter and Hugh Herbert in the leading parts.

Jean Gabin's American film debut in "Moontide," which heads the bill for the latter part of the week, is hailed as a screen event of major importance. In a stirring story of life along the Pacific waterfront he gives a performance which outshines his characterisations in a part which is tailor-made for his virile type of acting. As a conscience-tortured nomadic bargee, he has Ida Lupino as his leading lady and the cast also includes Thomas Mitchell and Claude Rains, two of Hollywood's outstanding character actors. "The Postman Didn't Ring," which is also being shown, features Richard Travis and Brenda Joyce.

THIS WEEK'S COMPLETE STORY

THE CONFETTI FROCK

By

Colin Cable

What is the fate of the dresses which the gown shops cannot sell?

An unlucky few are displayed as seductively as the others but for the time they are to no one's taste and are passed over with casual glance. They are labelled with "give away prices" at the sales and are eagerly handled by bargain hunters. Still favouring no one's choice then, they are sold by the count to wardrobe dealers.

Taken sample-wise the story of most of these dresses which drift dismally down the slow-moving margins of the stream of fashionable commerce and through the dingy backwaters of the wardrobe dealers' premises would be sad in the telling. But the story of the confetti frock is a happy story, partly because it was designed for a child of a size too small to have had wide experience of being slighted and set at naught by the human instruments of fate. The confetti frock was conceived by Max Ketley.

One sunny morning when he was feeling in a happy mood, he pushed aside the sketch he had just finished and sat back in his chair with both hands in his trousers pockets and his long legs stretched before him. He stared dreamily at his shoes, and his luxurious carpet. This position was his characteristic pose when he was thinking out a new dress. After an interval he pressed the bell-push on his desk twice, and Mrs. Felton, his manageress, appeared.

"Here's something for the workroom," he said, handing her the newly completed sketch. She looked at it critically for a moment and replied,

"I'll take it down."

"I'm feeling in a rare mood this morning, purplish, in fact."

"I hope you'll soon get over it, then," she said with a mild snort. "Purple's a bigoted colour. It will take nothing along with it but gold or white. You remember the last time you worked on purple, we had the thing hanging about for months, making the other dresses look all wrong beside it. Then I told the sales girls to hide the wretched thing until old Mrs. Waggett came in and she wouldn't have fallen for it but she's as colour-blind as a fish, poor dear."

"We haven't any material in stock then?" he enquired.

"As far as I remember, nothing of any account. Plenty of patterns, of course, and a very small piece of that pale purple shot silk with the green spot we used for lining Lady Oakengates' fur coat. She chose it herself, you remember."

"I'll see it," he nodded dismissively.

"You couldn't make more than a little child's frock out of this," Mrs. Felton observed when she returned and lifted a short length of purple and green silk from its paper wrappings.

Max Ketley ran his long, sensitive fingers under the silk caressingly.

"A child's frock it shall be," he said, taking up his pencil with a determined air, "made for a girl with red hair and eyes of periwinkle blue."

"You're at it again," Mrs. Felton tittered as she closed the door.

When he had an idea, Max worked rapidly. A design was drawn in a short space of time, and two days after the sketch was passed down to the workroom, Mrs. Felton brought the garment up for his inspection.

Max looked appraisingly at the dress laid out on the black glass-topped table. The shot silk shimmered in the cold grey light which came in from the London sky and the warm glow of the electric chandelier which burned in the studio all day, revealing moving patches of colour which glinted below the round spots of green, reminders of pale purple flowers which bloomed through the seasons from the parma violets of spring to the pale autumn crocus. Max looked carefully at the set of the puff sleeves and the stitching on the two triangular pockets of green silk which matched the pointed collar.

Rhapsody in Purple.

"Ah, that's a rhapsody in purple if you like. Price it at four guineas and put it in the window," he instructed in satisfied tones.

"The side window, I think; looks to me as if it might fade at the first touch of the sun," Mrs. Felton observed, carrying it away.

The confetti frock lay in Max Ketley's side window for a week without an enquiry. It was taken into the shop then and the sales girls were given special instructions by Mrs. Felton to press it on any customer who had a daughter.

The head sales girl showed it, full of pride in the creations of the house, to Lady Blackburn. "Couldn't dream of it," she said. "That colour would make Margaret look pale and seasick."

The second sales girl displayed it with a flow of praise to Mrs. Longbank. "Pretty, quite pretty," she observed, "but a trifle theatrical! I have to keep to plain styles for Ann."

The dress was put in the main window, enthroned gloriously on a scroll made of hundreds of facets of mirror glass with a crystal bowl of mauve orchids and maidenhair fern set like a lady in waiting beside it. The sun smiled down on the dress like a summer flower, but no customer asked to see it.

After some days Mrs. Felton herself, with her downright woman to woman manner, lifted it off the scroll and tried to sell it to the wife of the American Naval Attaché. "Now isn't that just cute; but look, it's faded," she commented.

"So it is, Madame. I'm very sorry, I did not realise how fierce the sun had been." Mrs. Felton dropped the dress quickly into a drawer of discarded oddments, where it lay forlorn in dejected folds along with a white satin blouse which had been stained when a flower vase overturned, and a lace collar which had been torn.

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The family motto of Mrs. Saxby was "Thorough," and she carried this out in every department of her life, including her occasional efforts for charity. When she promised to run a White Elephant stall at the Bazaar for the St. Margaret's Orphanage she not only circularised all her friends asking for contributions, but her tradesmen, too. When she addressed the envelope to Max Ketley, she said "He ought to send something when I pay him over a thousand a year to dress me."

The parcel which came with Max Ketley's compliments contained several remnants, a stained blouse, a torn lace collar and the purple confetti frock now crumpled as well as faded.

"This will brighten the stall," she said, holding it up, "such a lovely colour, but whoever could wear it? Perhaps some poor woman will buy it and dye it brown."

On the day of the Bazaar, Mrs. Saxby tried to sell the frock to Mrs. Cliff, but she said "Jane's just had measles and chicken-pox, I've seen enough of spots for a bit without buying a dess covered all over with them."

"I'd have it for Madge," said another woman, "but never again will I buy her a dress with pockets. She just pushes her big hands in and oh, the mending."

At the end of the Bazaar, Mrs. Saxby took the unsold dress down and put it in a box along with the other stuff and called the Matron of St. Margaret's.

"Here are a few of the left-overs you might use," she proffered as the Matron expressed her thanks.

"Next, a nice Sunday frock for somebody," the Matron commented when unpacking the parcel in the presence of the Orphanage staff later in the evening. "It's a bit gaudy, but we must use it up I suppose. I wonder whom it would suit?"

"Oh," the cook exclaimed excitedly, "it was simply made for Sheila and it's about her size, too. Put it on her and she'll be as proud as a little queen."

"That reminds me, important visitors on Sunday. Sheila can wear this if it fits."

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Sheila was seven and had been a total orphan for ten months. Her mother, who was an actress, died soon after Sheila was born and her father, unequally matched in the effort to keep a declining family business going, had succumbed, leaving Sheila to face the world alone soon after her sixth birthday.

Physically she was an attractive child, well formed, with blue eyes, a laughing mouth, and an abundance of rich auburn hair.

She was also a child of character and one of the traits which caused amusement was her clothes consciousness. The Matron said she had probably inherited it from her mother. Wherever it came from it showed itself in amusing ways, as when Sheila twisted the ribbon from a chocolate box round her belt, put buttercups in the lace holes of her shoes, or daisy chains and roses in her hair. After being encased for most of her life in the dull, severly practical clothes her father chose for her, on those occasions when something brighter and more dainty came her way in the Orphanage her elation was a joy to see.

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Picking a Winner.

On the Sunday afternoon when Sheila was trying on the confetti frock, Daphne Delaney, the well-known actress, was driving with her husband to St. Margaret's. They had decided to adopt a child while they were young enough to adjust themselves to the new habits of life involved. In view of Daphne Delaney's established position on the stage, her personal popularity, and her generous gifts to charity, they had no difficulty in getting the permission of the St. Margaret's trustees to make a home for any one of their charges who was available for adoption.

As the big car drew up before the door, Sheila, decked in the confetti frock, was looking at herself in the long mirror in the Matron's sitting-room. The new dress put a sparkle of excitement into her eyes and sustained the happy curve of her laughing mouth.

"It makes you look a wee bit pale, Sheila, and it shows up all your freckles, but it's your colour all right. You'll be polite to the lady when she speaks to you, won't you?"

"Yes, Matron. Now I've got a pretty frock on I feel good from my shoes right up and up to where you've made my parting on the top of my head," she purred, putting her hand on her head with a happy gesture.

The Matron surveyed the four other girls she had dressed along with Sheila, and put them in charge of her new assistant while she went down to interview the Delaneys.

"I have five girls free for adoption at present. They are all together if you will come along," she told the visitors.

When Mrs. Delaney stepped into the Matron's sitting-room she had eyes for one child only. The vibrant colour of Sheila drew her like a magnet. She advanced into the room and went down on one knee to get nearer to her. Sheila looked into Mrs. Delaney's face, then at the soft cluster of blue feathers in her hat, and immediately recognised a fellow-spirit.

"What's your name, darling?"

"Sheila."

"Perfect! and would you like to come and stay with me?"

"Yes, I think so."

"Isn't she a darling, Peter?" Mrs. Delaney exclaimed enthusiastically turning to her husband. "What do you say?"

"You've picked a winner. I wouldn't mind answering Daddy to that one," he replied with an easy smile. It may perhaps have been due to a movement of Sheila's body as her new mother lifted her from the floor and kissed her, but it seemed then as if the folds of the confetti frock rippled into a smile, too.

The End

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MARGATE BOYS' ESCAPADE

Three Margate boys, two aged 15 and one 16, who wilfully broke in the street a number of electric light bulbs which they had stolen, were told by the Chairman (Alderman F. L. Pettman) at Margate juvenile court on Wednesday that they deserved the birch.

The Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said it was a pity they could not be given a stroke or two.

"Unfortunately, you can't," commented the Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan), who pointed out that the court had no power to inflict corporal punishment.

The boys had previously appeared at the borough police court with another boy, aged 17, when they pleaded guilty to stealing 73 electric light bulbs, value £4 5s., the property of Margate Estates Ltd. The case against the older lad was dismissed to enable him to return to a sea training school, and the three younger lads were remitted to the juvenile court to be dealt with.

The Chief Constable said on the evening of 14th February, D/S Presland was in High-street when he heard a number of explosions, which he discovered were caused by electric light bulbs being thrown on the ground. He heard another explosion near him on Marine-drive and saw all four lads. He noticed that their pockets and pullovers were bulging and found they had a number of bulbs. They said they found them at the rear of the Cameo Cinema, Northdown-road, and thought they were duds. The boys were taken to the police station, where it was found that they had 73 bulbs, of which 53 were good and 20 useless. They persisted in their story that they came from behind the cinema, but after visiting the place with the lads D/S Presland told them he was not satisfied that they were telling the truth. They then admitted that they took them from the Ghost Train amusement ride in Dreamland Park.

Chair Slashed.

It was discovered, went on the Chief Constable, that the Ghost Train premises had been entered, the hasp having been wrenched off the door and a lever apparently used to force it open. Figures inside had been damaged and a large cardboard box containing the bulbs had been turned out. A number of broken bulbs were found in the vicinity. It had since been discovered that Dreamland office had been entered, and a leather chair, typewriter cover and silk cushion had been slashed with a knife. All the boys, except one, admitted going there and committing damage.

The elder of the three boys, said the Chief Constable, earned £3 8s. a week and £1 7s. extra when he worked on a Sunday. The other two boys earned £1 13s. 6d. and £1 10s. a week respectively.

"They appear to want some supervision in the evenings," added the Chief Constable. "There is not enough for them to do and they get into mischief. They should go to the Youth Centre and learn something useful or amuse themselves."

Mr. W. Booth Reeve (a magistrate): Everything seems to be provided for these boys, but they don't avail themselves of them.

The Chief Constable remarked that quite a lot of damage and petty pilfering took place in the evenings in particular.

The Director of Education (Mr. J. C. Aspden) mentioned that two of the boys did go to the Youth Centre one evening last year, but their behaviour was not in keeping with the traditions of the place, and they did not come again until one night this week.

The Magistrates' Clerk: The Youth Club is no good for boys like these. They want discipline, and plenty of it.

The Probation Officer (Mr. A. E. Bray), giving the result of his inquiries, said one boy had worked as a clerk, as a pit boy at a colliery, in a dockyard and as a builder's labourer.

One boy told the magistrates that he had applied for admission to a sea training school, and had that morning been notified that he had been accepted, but would have to wait five months.

The magistrates placed all three boys on probation for two years, under the care of the Probation Officer.

PILCHER—PECUM

FOOTBALLER WEDS

The wedding took place recently at the Roman Catholic Church, Deeping St. James, near Peterborough, of Cpl. Edwin Victor John Pilcher, R.A.F., only son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Pilcher, of 2 Argyle-avenue, Margate, and Ldg. Acwm. Evelyn Mary Pegum, W.A.A.F., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pegum, of Beckenham.

Prior to the war, Cpl. Pilcher took a prominent part in Kent fotoball, playing as a half-back for Margate and Canterbury Waverley. He was signed by the Arsenal as an amateur and is still on their books.

Since joining the R.A.F. he has played for his station team and has assisted Notts County in their Northern League matches against Northampton and Sheffield Wednesday.

Cpl. Pilcher's bride is stationed at the same camp and was given away by Sqdn.-Ldr. W. Grace.

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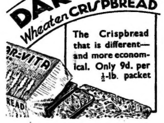

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POLICE MAKE MERRY

RAMSGATE "SWAN-SONG" SOCIAL

Although the social held by Ramsgate Borough Police Club at the Oddfellows' Hall on Saturday was probably the swan-song of the force as at present constituted, it was the gayest event held by the club since the war and rivalled its peace-time counterparts.

The social was attended by members, wives and friends of the regular force, First Police Reserve, War Reserve, Special Constabulary and pensioners.

The Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) was accompanied by Mrs. Butler, who was given an affectionate welcome back to Ramsgate, and was presented with a bouquet by W/A/P/C Couchman.

During an interval in an almost non-stop entertainment programme the Chief Constable and Mrs. Butler were welcomed by Mr. W. W. Lance Almond, Commandant of the Special Constabulary.

Mr. Butler thanked the company for the cordial reception accorded him and Mrs. Butler. It was about 27 years since he came to Ramsgate in the middle of the last war. He was Chief Constable for two years in the last war and altogether had served for 5½ years as Chief Constable under war conditions.

Referring to the 18 months leading up to the outbreak of the present war, Mr. Butler said that for some time it was difficult to get the public to realise the gravity of what might happen but later they entered wholeheartedly into what was now known as Civil Defence.

Great Changes.

As a result of the war many Ramsgate people went to other parts of the country and some had never returned. He thought that at the conclusion of the war many new faces would be seen in Ramsgate. Many whom they would dearly love to see about the place would no longer be with them.

One had seen great changes in public affairs, in officials and in public services, continued the Chief Constable. He must be looked on now as the father of the chief officials, for he thought he was the oldest among them. Councillor Prestedge was the only member of the present Council serving at the time he came to Ramsgate.

He had seen many changes in the police service. As a result of the war they had had a considerable addition to their strength and he was pleased that evening to see not only the regulars but pensioners, members of the War Reserve and of the Special Constabulary. It had been said that the Special Constabulary were almost like a club because they worked so well together. They were always anxious to go out and help the regulars. He was also glad to see present wives and friends of members and also members of the police force at present serving in the forces. (Applause.) Many of them were volunteers. Many more were anxious to go but he had to prevent them on instructions from a higher authority.

A Fine Spirit.

"If the members of the force had been permitted to join up as they desired I am certain we should have had very few men left in the town, so anxious were they to play their part," said Mr. Butler. "It is nice to see such a fine spirit among them. I only hope they will come back safe and sound to their wives and families and friends."

How much longer he would be remaining with them he could not say. Whether the social that evening was in the nature of a "swan-song" was in the lap of the gods. Events were taking place over which they had no control and in a few months they would see great changes. What might be the future of the police service in these parts he could not say. As they knew, there would be one Chief Constable for the whole of Kent. The chief constables of the various boroughs would no longer hold those offices. Some who were permitted to do so would take on different positions. A good many changes were indicated. He would like to have been in a position to give them some information as to the future but he did not know what was likely to happen. It might be that before long they would have an opportunity of meeting their new Chief Constable and he would no doubt be able to give them some information as to the future.

It might be, continued Mr. Butler, that he would no longer be with them. During the whole of the time they had been in Ramsgate it had been one of the greatest pleasures to Mrs. Butler and himself to meet the members of the force socially. Ramsgate police were renowned for their social gatherings and that evening brought back to mind some of their activities in peace-time.

Full Measure of Troubles.

"I am very pleased to come among you to-night and to have an opportunity of thanking you for the support you have given me and the encouragement without which no chief constable can carry on," said Mr. Butler. During time of war they had to face many trials, being on the coast. In Ramsgate they had had a full measure of those troubles. Notwithstanding those troubles, the townspeople had carried on wonderfully well and had received all possible help from the police service in all its branches. It had been with pride that he had held the office of Chief Constable of a borough like Ramsgate during such difficult days and to find that the police had never let down the townspeople. In times of stress the public looked to the police as their friends and had always gone to them in their difficulties. The police had played a glorious part in the past and he was sure they would continue to do so in the future.

Mrs. Butler said that evening was probably the last occasion on which they would meet under such circumstances and she was sorry their association had got to come to an end. It had been a pleasure to be with them and she was sorry she had been away so long.

A large part of the entertainment programme was provided by the police themselves, ably schooled as they had been by Sgt. Eddie Butcher.

The piece de resistance was the police band. There was an exceptionally fine array of instruments and of talent, not forgetting the conductor himself, and the effect might be described as "colossal." The instrumentalists (?) provided all the twiddly bits to the accompaniment of P/C Harry Bampton at the piano.

The band having come to the end of their tether, Sgt. Butcher introduced his "dancing girls," a prelude to the arrival of that celebrated coloratura soprano Sgt. Tommy Goatman.

Others contributing to the programme included P/Cs Sayer and Bampton (piano duets), Eva Ansell (accordeonist), Reg Attwell and Eddie Butcher in a cross-talk act, Ted Jones, baritone, and Charlie Castle in character studies.

There were also numerous competitions, Sgt. Wait proving that he had not forgotten how to drink milk from a baby's bottle, and three police old stagers, Sgt. Cossons, Sgt. Jacobsen and Sgt. Hoare, had the enviable task of inspecting some charming ankles.

Sgt. Goatman was responsible for a "quizz" contest in which the men beat the women by a handsome margin.

At the end of the evening thanks to the artistes and all who had contributed to the success of the evening were expressed by C/I Butcher. He did not intend to single out anyone but he had been asked by the committee to mention the great amount of work put in by Sgt. Eddie Butcher.

MINISTRY OF FUEL AND POWER ANNOUNCEMENT

COAL SUPPLIES DURING JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH

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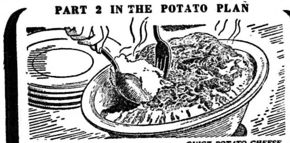
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Football.—A combined football team representing Minster A.T.C. and Home Guard was defeated by eight goals to two by an Army XI at Minster Recreation Ground last week. W. Hammond and A. Smith scored for Minster.

A.T.C. Whist.—Organised by Minster Comforts Fund Committee, a whist drive in aid of the A.T.C. Welfare Fund was held at Minster Parish Hall on Wednesday. Fifteen and a half tables were in play and the drive realised £1 15s. Major W. Howard was M.C. and the prizewinners were Mr. R. Leak, Mrs. Castle, Miss Knott, Dvr. Walton, Mrs. Vince, Miss Cordinal and Mrs. Bolton.

Death of Mr. I. J. Becker.—The funeral took place at Minster Cemetery on Thursday of Mr. Isaac John Becker, of Wellard Cottage, High-street, Minster, who passed away suddenly on Tuesday at the age of 74 years. Mr. Becker was a retired market gardener. The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar of Minster (Canon A. W. MacMichael) and the mourners were the widow, Mr. and Mrs. R. Burgess (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. A. Becker (brother) and Mr. H. Williams (brother-in-law).

Mrs. Harriet Bushell.—The death occurred at her home, St. Heliers, Augustine-road, Minster, on Wednesday, of Mrs. Harriet Bushell. Mrs. Bushell, who was 87 year of age, was a native of Ramsgate. Her husband was formerly in business in Minster as a baker. They celebrated their golden wedding ten years ago and were looking forward to their diamond wedding on 11th March next. When her health permitted, Mrs. Bushell was a regular attendant at St. Mary's Church. In addition to the widower, Mrs. Bushell leaves three sons and two daughters. The funeral at Minster Cemetery on Monday will be preceded by a service at the parish church.

Saving for Victory.—Broadstairs and St. Peter's saved £1,156 during the week ended 20th February. The sum was made up of savings certificates £265, defence bonds £500 and deposits in the Post Office savings bank £391.

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FROM BATHING GIRLS TO BATTLES

MARGATE CAMERAMAN IN THE DESERT

SCOOPS IN CELLULOID

The national newspapers carry almost daily stories of the adventures of their correspondents in the forward battle areas in all parts of the world but it is not often that the cameraman breaks through into print.

Before the war Terry Ashwood, of Margate, specialised in photographing bathing girls and the production of slick holiday pictures beloved of Sunday newspaper art editors.

Now he is with Pathe Pictures Ltd. in the Middle East and below he records some of his more exciting experiences.

After about 16 months spent in filming the 8th Army's activities in the Libyan campaigns, I'm sure that covering a war in the desert presents more snags from a newsreel war correspondent's point of view than most people imagine. Our biggest difficulty out here is to get a change of background into the pictures, and this is not easy when one realises that the desert around Matruh, for instance, is exactly the same as the desert around Tobruk, just miles and miles of nothing but camel thorn growing in the sand. Sometimes there's a spot of action in a waddi. We're lucky then because it means we can get some elevation into the pictures and make a change from the usual flat surroundings.

Dust Storms.

Distance forms another problem on such a battlefront as this, and during lulls in the fighting we are often travelling from dawn till sunset just to take a short piece of film at a unit which, perhaps on the previous night, captured some interesting enemy material. Dust storms, too, are another of the little things sent to try us, and when one reads in the official communiques that sand storms hampered land and air operations, well, they certainly hamper our operations, too, for when they're over it takes quite a while to get our equipment in good working order again. The fine powder sand that looks very similar to a good old London fog, just penetrates into the best camera cases, so the next time you go to the cinema and maybe see a thin line running down the screen, don't be too critical. Anyway, that's all in the luck of the game, and luck does play a pretty big part in our job.

I remember when in Tobruk during the siege last year, I always made a point of having a camera with me, even when going down to the beach for a swim, until one day a journalist and myself decided to take a quick dip before tea. Leaving my camera in the camp we just popped down to the beach and no sooner had we got into the sea than Jerry came over and put on the finest Stuka raid I've ever seen, and right above our heads, too. It provided my friend with a grand eye-witness story for his paper, but it was certainly a good thing he didn't include some of my remarks in it. Anyway, the next day I had my turn, for just as I had passed an old Italian ammunition dump Jerry dropped a bomb on it, and the fireworks that followed for the next hour provided some fine pictures, but it wasn't until the whole thing was over that I realised what a lucky escape I'd had, because some troops working nearby caught it pretty badly, but considering the attention the enemy used to pay to Tobruk in the old days, casualties were amazingly light, and I still think the siege of Tobruk provided we fellows with some of the best picture stories that have come out of the desert.

A Narrow Escape.

Of course, the Sidi Rezegh battle provided plenty of action—too much, in fact. If it hadn't been for a lot of film I'd taken on the previous day, which there was a chance of sending away by plane a few miles back, a War Office photographer and I would have both shared the fate of half a dozen other correspondents who were taken prisoners when Jerry broke through. This happened while we had gone off to find the plane. As it was, some of us got surrounded by the enemy three times in the next 24 hours, the last time being at dusk when we attached ourselves to a small convoy that was going to head south and try to get through in the darkness.

After driving by compass over the rough desert for two or three hours we seemed to be clear of the enemy, so we decided to leave the convoy in our two trucks and make our way in the direction we intended going the next day. But we didn't get far. Soon there was a terrific explosion in front of us, and one of our trucks was no more. In the darkness we had driven on to one of our minefields, but by a great stroke of luck only the back of the truck was blown off, and the driver, an officer, and a correspondent in front were unhurt. We knew it was risky to move about too much so there was nothing for it but to spend the rest of the night getting a few hours sleep on the ground, but to me, sleeping in a minefield is just about the worst way of spending a night I know of.

Met the Germans.

In the morning we salvaged what we could from the ruined truck and piled everything, including ourselves, on to the other truck that was O.K. and we drove out of the minefield along our tracks of the previous night. But that half-mile we had to travel before reaching safe ground was just about the longest journey I've ever done. People have often asked me "What happens if one of you chaps bump into Jerry?" because war correspondents are not allowed to carry arms. This has only happened to me once, thank goodness, and that was during the November push when we were following up a tank battle somewhere near El Gubi.

I was filming a burning German tank when I noticed one of our small Dodge trucks a short distance away. I beckoned the truck to come on so that it would pass in the picture and make a bit of movement in the background. The truck came on all right, and pulled up about five yards away. The next thing I saw when the door opened was a pair of high lace-up boots, and they had a Jerry in them. The chap got out and started speaking to a German officer sitting at the back, who eventually motioned the driver to move on. And as soon as they started moving so did we, but in the other direction you bet.

I suppose what really happened was that the Jerrys were using one of our captured vehicles to go around to their knocked-out tanks to try and retrieve certain things from them before our chaps beat them to it, but why on earth they never put us in the bag I'll never know. Maybe they mistook my camera for a secret weapon or something, or perhaps they thought a couple of war correspondents small fry and not worth bothering about. Whatever happened, it was one of those sticky moments I'll not forget for a long time.

Bardia Surrenders.

Of course these days "scoops" as we knew them in peace-time no longer exist, because all material from newsreel cameramen and War Office photographers is pooled, but in spite of this, one still gets quite a kick out of being the only cine cameraman on a big story, and this happened to me on the surrender of Bardia last January.

For two weeks a War Office still photographer and myself attached ourselves to the South Africans who were responsible for taking Bardia, and during that fortnight we grew pretty impatient, feeling all the time that we were probably missing a lot further westwards. Each day Gen. de Villiers, who was in charge of the operation, used to tell us to be patient, and at the end of it he could promise us a good New Year's present. He certainly kept his word, for the surrender of Bardia made a great story for pictures.

I well remember how Gen. Schmidt came up full of confidence with his terms of surrender to Gen. de Villiers and how the South African General in a few curt words shattered all the German General's hopes of dictating his own terms for the surrender of the town. In fact, I doubt if Gen. Schmidt ever expected anything but an unconditional surrender after he had passed through the ring of heavy tanks we had around the town on his way through our lines to meet Gen. de Villiers.

I got a great thrill as we drove into Bardia and on the way met some of our 1,100 prisoners who had just been released. Most of them had been captured at Sidi Rezegh and Libyan Omar. They went wild with excitement at meeting our troops again. They were pretty hungry, too. We gave them all the bully and biscuits we had in the truck, and I don't think I've ever seen fellows enjoying cigarettes as much as those chaps did, for they hadn't had a smoke since their capture.

Looking for Trouble.

Since the start of the last show in the desert most of us have been doing much the same as we were this time last year—looking for trouble and usually finding it, mostly in the form of shelling and bombing, but, believe me, that can be quite unpleasant. So the next time you see this sort of thing on the screen remember the poor old cameraman who is trying to duck and take pictures at the same time, and don't pass a remark like I heard a little while ago when I went to the pictures in Cairo and some shelling pictures of mine came up on the screen. A person sitting quite close to me remarked to her boy friend "I wonder why it's so shaky?" and under my breath I said "Lady, if you only knew."

In the early days of the attack the Knightsbridge area was quite a hot spot to be in, for apart from tank battles and shelling, there was usually some straffing going on. But that starts and ends so quickly that good pictures of it are difficult to get.

Something that's even more difficult to photograph is an actual tank battle in the way that most people expect to see it, and by that I mean a mass of tanks fighting at close grips. When you realise that a thousand yards is quite a normal range for tanks on both sides to get cracking at each other there's not much chance of showing anything but small dots on the screen.

Depressing Depression.

A short while ago I did a film which I hope illustrates the reason why we fell back so far and chose Alamein as the line for holding the enemy. For this I had to go well south to the Quattara Depression, after getting the vehicle bogged, smashing a gear box, and walking about 12 miles to put a call through for a break-down truck to tow us out, which by the way also got bogged as soon as it arrived. I was feeling thoroughly depressed with everything connected with the depression. The only consolation was seeing the type of going that Jerry would have to contend with if he tried to come round as far south.

I think one of the most pleasant jobs I've done since I came out here has been during the last few weeks in taking part in the covering of Mr. Churchill's visit to the Middle East, because everywhere he's been it's made a good picture. The secrecy attached to all his movements helped it even more so, because the surprise and delight of the troops right up in the forward areas at suddenly seeing that unmistakeable figure striding over the desert complete with the good old cigar seemed to bring about an atmosphere that home was not so far away after all.

MAKING LIFE BETTER

GIRLS' CLUB INAUGURATED AT BROADSTAIRS

"I become very angry when I think of what the older generation has let the younger one in for. When you grow up you must try to make life better and try to help other people to be happier," said Lady Carson when inaugurating the new Broadstairs Girls' Club at a meeting at the Garden-on-the-Sands Pavilion on Wednesday.

The club was recently formed by the British Red Cross Society and its present headquarters are at Pierremont Hall gymnasium. As these premises are not ideal for the purpose, however, the club are trying to secure another building.

At the meeting the chair was taken by Councillor B. J. Pearson (Chairman of Broadstairs Council) and those present included the Mayor of Margate (Councillor F. J. Cornford) and the chairman of Margate Education Committee (Alderman W. C. Redman).

Lady Carson said the club was a great triumph for Mrs. F. M. Saunders, commandant of the Broadstairs detachment of the British Red Cross Society.

When the girls grew up, said Lady Carson, the future of Britain and the Empire would be in their hands. They must make their part of England as good as possible but must not forget they were part of an empire as well. Life was not all fun but if they helped they could make the world a happier place. She wished every success to the club.

Giving the club his blessing, the Rector of Broadstairs (the Rev. C. H. Bailey) said they must not only enjoy themselves there but also rule out selfishness and put something into the club.

Mrs. Saunders proposed a vote of thanks to Lady Carson, whom she described as "such a stirring example of unselfishness."

Alderman Redman said the club was something more than a place in which to have fun. It would teach them to become good citizens. The older generation had left them a great deal to do and while they could have a good time they could also do a lot of good as a team. He hoped the club would be successful and promised that the Margate Youth Club and the Kent Education Committee would do all they could to help it.

Members of the W.V.S. afterwards served refreshments.

QUEEN VICTORIA

ANNA NEAGLE AT KING'S

Royal history of the last century has formed the subject of many films and one of the most outstanding of these pictures, "Queen Victoria," starring Anna Neagle and Anton Walbrook, is being shown at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow.

"Queen Victoria" includes some of the most spectacular sequences ever filmed in this country and to ensure its authenticity a perfect replica of Westminster Abbey as it was at the time of her coronation had to be constructed. From there the scene was switched to the ballroom of Buckingham Palace on the occasion of the ball given in honour of Prince Albert on his arrival in England with his brother. Anna Neagle is superb as the strongly-willed queen and Anton Walbrook has one of his greatest parts as her consort. The programme also includes a thriller, "The Green Cockatoo," starring Robert Newton, Rene Ray and John Mills.

"In Old California," the main feature for the last half of the week, has a different historical background. In it John Wayne successfully portrays the mannerly Bostonian who shows he can use his fists when his right to earn a living as a pharmacist in pioneer Sacramento is challenged. Binnie Barnes appears as a dance-hall singer and Albert Dekker as a frontier scallywag who displays an inexplicable streak of gallantry in the final scenes. The bill of fare also includes a rollicking comedy, "The Gang Made Good," featuring Frankie Darro and Lorna Gray.

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SHEEP WORRYING

DOG MUST BE KEPT UNDER CONTROL

A half-bred sheep dog which had been seen chasing sheep in Hartsdown Park was responsible for the appearance of its owner, Mrs. Daisy Ellis, of Tivoli Park-avenue, at Margate police court on Wednesday.

Mrs. Ellis was summoned for failing to keep a dangerous dog under control.

The Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said the chasing of sheep by dogs at this time of year might have serious consequences. He did not suggest that the dog would attack human beings.

Carleton Rudd, of Hartsdown Lodge, Hartsdown Park, a foreman in the Corporation parks department, said about 80 sheep were grazing in the park on 10th February and he noticed them running all over the place. A black and white dog was chasing them. He had seen the dog there before, and there was trouble with it last year, when he saw defendant about it.

P/C Tribe said he saw defendant the next day and told her a complaint had been received about her half-bred sheep dog chasing the sheep. She admitted that the dog was hers, but said she did not know there were any sheep in the park. She said she would try to keep the dog under proper control, and when her husband came home the next day she would speak to him about having it destroyed. Witness added that the dog had not been destroyed.

P/C Stoneham said on 12th October last year he saw defendant, following complaints that her dog had been worrying sheep in the park. She promised to keep it under control.

The Chief Constable said many sheep had been known to die through being chased by dogs, and recently a bad case was reported to the police from Birchington in which sheep were torn to pieces.

Announcing that an order would be made for the dog to be kept under proper control, the Mayor (Councillor F. J. Cornford) pointed out to defendant that she was warned last year, and said if there were any further complaints stronger action would have to be taken.

Defendant was ordered to pay 12s. court costs.

RAMSGATE MUST COME FIRST

MR. F. BROOK TO BE RECALLED

Mr. F. Brook is to return from the reception area to resume his duties as head teacher at Dame Janet School, Ramsgate, as from 1st May.

The report of the Education Committee in committee, presented at a meeting of Ramsgate Education Committee on Wednesday, stated that the Secretary (Mr. S. V. West) reported that an application had been received through the Regional Evacuation Officer on behalf of the Midland Regional Medical Officer for the further retention of the services of Mr. Brook, who is at present warden in charge of the Basford Hostel, in the reception area.

Twice previously the committee called for the return of Mr. Brook but agreed to defer his recall because of the difficulties being met by the Staffordshire authority in finding a suitable successor.

"The committee feel," stated the report approved on Wednesday, "that the interests of the children at Dame Janet School must now take precedence and that as the committee's wish to recall Mr. Brook was made known in June last, ample opportunity has been afforded the appropriate authority to find a successor. The committee regret that they cannot agree to any further postponement but must adhere to their decision to ask for the recall of Mr. Brook to resume charge of Dame Janet Junior Mixed School as from 1st May next, the date agreed by the Secretary with officers of the Staffordshire Education Committee."

The committee have received the resignation of Miss B. J. White, certificated assistant at Hereson Infants' School, and Miss M. Reynolds, certificated assistant at Christ Church School. Miss Reynolds is retiring after 23 years' service and the committee have conveyed to her their thanks for her long and faithful service.

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

Next week is to be especially set apart for the new crusade of providing funds for the prosecution of the war. While other parts of the country are to be visited by tanks and other incentives to the general public, Thanet is to have special visits of aeroplanes which will drop upon the town appropriate literature asking the population to save for themselves and to lend to the country all available cash.

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Bdr. R. J. W. Woodward, of the Royal Garrison Artillery, is reported to have been removed to an American hospital in France, having been transferred from a British hospital. Only son of Mrs. Woodward, of Manston-road, Ramsgate, he has been in the Army about a year and was formerly on the teaching staff of St. George's Schools.

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War rations were in evidence at the annual tea and entertainment to the old folk of Ramsgate and St. Lawrence at the West Cliff Theatre on Thursday. There were over 300 guests invited by the committee of the Amalgamated Friendly Societies and the meal consisted mainly of four and a half bushels of baked potatoes, salmon sandwiches, cakes and tea, mineral waters and other refreshments.

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Gnr. J. C. Chadwick, R.G.A., of the Shipwright's Arms, Ramsgate, is home on draft leave. He expects to be sent to Gibraltar.

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L/Cpl. J. Johnson, formerly manager of Messrs. Fells, High-street, Ramsgate, and now attached to the Army Ordnance Corps, who has been home on leave, has returned to France.

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Sgt. E. F. Setterfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Setterfield, of 45 Alexandra-road, Ramsgate, is now with The Buffs in France. He was formerly a first-class instructor at Crowborough Camp and joined the Army within a fortnight of the outbreak of war.

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Cpl. H. B. Abram, of the municipal staff at Albion House, Ramsgate, is now an instructor in musketry but still takes a great interest in music and is in much demand as one of his battalion's violinists.

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Capt. H. W. Skinner, R.F.A., elder son of Mr. L. A. Skinner, of Broadstairs, has been promoted to the rank of captain and adjutant. The young officer is at present serving in Mesopotamia. Before the war he was at the Broadstairs branch of the Capital and Counties Bank.

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Writing from France, Cpl. A. C. Austen, of Hereson, Ramsgate, says he is billeted in a village that has been wrested from the Germans and on viewing a very ancient church there found that the enemy had removed all the pipes from the organ. All the bridges leading to the place had been destroyed but this did not prevent the onward march of the British.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

BUILDING ACTIVITY

During the past year the building trade in Thanet assumed somewhat larger dimensions than for some time back, several firms finding it difficult to procure the necessary workmen to carry out their contracts. While the whole district has shared in the activity, Broadstairs has been particularly busy and quite a number of homes and residences have been erected. The Ramsgate new road is progressing rapidly but the timber requirements have been limited and easily met by local imports. The widening of the approach to the London, Chatham and Dover Railway station will immediately follow the completion of the road. The building land on the East Cliff has lately been offered for sale and a number of plots disposed of and at no remote period it is believed that Ramsgate and Broadstairs will join hands. Another building estate on the Margate-road was also in the market and although several purchasers were found the general opinion is that no great extension of the town in this direction is probable, for some years at least, owing to the distance from the sands. It is "on the sands" that a sea wall with promenade is to be built between Ramsgate and Broadstairs, but as yet nothing definite has been arranged; if, however, this project is carried out it will prove of immense value to both towns.

THE USE OF LEISURE

ADVICE TO ST. GEORGE'S GIRLS

Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth, wife of the Vicar of Ramsgate, told the girls of St. George's Central School on Thursday that she hoped none of them used lipstick, went to dances, or tried to act beyond their age.

"Don't try to pretend you are 17 or 18," she said, "because if you do there will be nothing left for presently."

Mrs. Farnsworth spoke of the evacuation of children from Ramsgate and said it had given them the opportunity of seeing how other people lived. She wondered what Stafford people thought of the Ramsgate school girls and hoped they were leaving behind a good impression. That would indirectly affect Ramsgate after the war when Stafford people came for their holidays.

Speaking of education, Mrs. Farnsworth said the work of St. George's girls was well-known but people would judge them chiefly by the way they spent their leisure.

They were going out into the world as "disciples" to help to build a better England and that could only be done on a Christian basis.

The headmistress (Miss F. M. Armstrong) announced that the school captain, Eva Deverson, was leaving that afternoon. Eva has been responsible for collections at the school for the Red Cross Fund and £1 has now been raised to provide two prisoner of war parcels.

VISIT OF FAMOUS DANCE BAND

Local dancers will be glad to hear that the Central Air Force Band, Uxbridge, conducted by Sgt. J. Miller, is returning to the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, on Thursday, 11th March.

The band will provide the music for a grand Royal Air Force ball in aid of the Mayor of Ramsgate's Services Comforts and Troopers' Funds.

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Ramsgate Golden Wedding

COUPLE WHO WERE BOMBED OUT

Well-known to the fishing fraternity of Ramsgate, Mr. and Mrs. George Daniel Preston, formerly of 15 Hibernia-street, and now living at 7 Quintin-avenue, Merton Park, Surrey, celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding on Friday.

Mr. Preston was married at Cavendish Baptist Church, Ramsgate, on 26th February, 1893, to Miss Maria Hall, of Lower Walmer, Deal.

He was associated with the life of Ramsgate Harbour for nearly 60 years. In fact it was as a lad of 12 that he first began working in the old sailing smacks. He eventually served as skipper on several boats, his last sailing vessel being the Genuine, belonging to Mr. Charles Spratt.

During the last war, when the smacks were steadily being succeeded by steam trawlers, Mr. Preston transferred to the trawler Oliver and spent several more years at sea.

He will probably be best remembered, however, as the cheery figure in charge of Shackleton's Coffee Stall, which stood on the crosswall close to the Harbour offices. Mr. Preston remained at the stall until its closure some time before the outbreak of war.

In 1941 Mr. and Mrs. Preston were bombed out of their home in Hibernia-street and went to live at Merton Park.

They have two sons, George and Charles, both of whom are engaged in the grocery trade.

£200,000 Estate

BIG BEQUEST TO MARGATE HOSPITAL

Margate General Hospital will benefit substantially under the will of the late Mr. William James Harris, of Cheyney, Edmanson-avenue, Margate, and Cambridge-road, Battersea, who passed away suddenly while on a visit to his home at Margate in October.

Mr. Harris left estate of the value of £199,711, on which death duties amounting to £50,735 have been paid. He bequeathed £2,000 each to Margate General Hospital, Battersea General Hospital, National Children's Home and Orphanage, Cancer Hospital (Fulham-road), and Bolingbroke Hospital, Battersea, and after other bequests the residue to Margate Hospital.

Mr. Harris, who came to Margate in 1939, was, perhaps, best known in the town as a bowler, being a member of the Westbrook Club, and having generously supported the efforts of Dane Park Club to carry on in the past two years. He was founder and secretary of Battersea Park Brotherhood B.C.

A condition of the bequest of the residue of the estate to Margate Hospital is that it should be used for the provision of a new wing or other suitable addition, to be known as the "Harris Memorial."

Mr. Harris was a patient at the hospital for a few weeks shortly after coming to Margate and became an annual subscriber at the rate of £100 a year.

TRIPPED OVER MAT

MAN'S DEATH IN HOSPITAL

A verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned by Ramsgate Deputy Coroner (Mr. E. C. Allfree), who conducted an inquest on Wednesday into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. George Blomer, aged 78, of Cliff View, St. Lawrence-avenue, Ramsgate.

Tripping over a mat at his home, where he lived alone, Mr. Blomer sustained a fracture of the left femur and he passed away at Ramsgate General Hospital on Tuesday.

Mrs. Alice Maud Freeman, of 19 Seafield-road, Ramsgate, said Mr. Blomer was a retired printer. She had known him for the past nine years and called at his house twice a day. She cooked his meals and did all she could for him.

On 24th January witness was not very well so she asked her husband to go round to see Mr. Blomer. He returned and said Mr. Blomer was ill. Mrs. Goldsmith, a nurse, was summoned, and Mr. Blomer was put to bed and the doctor summoned. Dr. Dunlop ordered Mr. Blomer's removal to hospital for X-ray examination.

Mr. Blomer told witness that he was getting ready to come and meet her when he had a fall. He said he must have tripped over a mat. She visited him twice a week while he was in hospital.

Dr. C. H. T. Bond said he saw Mr. Blomer the day he was admitted to hospital. A fracture of the neck of the left femur was suspected and this was confirmed by X-ray examination. Mr. Blomer did well to start with but then began to go downhill. Hypostatic pneumonia supervened. His death the previous day was accelerated by the accident.

BETTER OFF IN RAMSGATE

HEALTH OF THE CHILDREN

The health of schoolchildren in Ramsgate is good, thanks in large measure to the fact that school medical services have now been restored almost to normal.

In his third annual report as School Medical Officer, Dr. J. V. Walker states that 1942 was a highly successful year.

During the year 13 schools were opened for full-time attendance of children, including some of the most modern as well as older premises. The 1,327 children examined represented a very high proportion of children admitted to school.

A table attached to the report which analyses the results of the examinations reveals the following classification: satisfactory 44·6 per cent., nutrition A 9·6 per cent.; subnutrition 11·7 per cent., anemia 7·2 per cent., postural defects 5·4 per cent., requiring treatment for vision, excluding squint, 5·4 per cent., requiring treatment for all other conditions including squint, anemia and postural defects, but excluding subnutrition, 27·9 per cent.

"It is interesting," continues the report, "to note that those children who remained in Ramsgate during 1940-41 appear to have been on average in rather better condition than children who returned from evacuation.

"Another interesting classification is as between boys and girls. It will be noted that for some reason the boys of Ramsgate seem at present to be slightly superior to the girls."

The report states that children found to be undernourished were followed up by a home visit by the school nurse. Observations were then made of home conditions and the availability of meals at the British Restaurants was brought to the notice of parents. Of the parents of children below normal only a few were prepared to send them for meals to a restaurant.

The average percentage of children receiving milk in school was 85·3 in February, 87·1 in May and 88·4 in October. None of them receive it free of charge.

The policy of urging immunisation against diphtheria among all children was continued and at the end of the year it was calculated that about 60 per cent. of the children of school age in Ramsgate had been immunised.

PLANNING FOR WINTER MILK

Little can be achieved these days without a plan. We must plan for war, we must plan for peace, we must plan for winter milk. Cows, like mortals, are not infallible; but if a goodly proportion of the herd can be induced to calve in autumn and early winter they will not fail to deliver the goods, provided they are properly fed.

Proper feeding, however, does not begin just after the cow calves. Cows and particularly heifers must be prepared for their lactations. They need not be fat but they must be fit. They must be "steamed up" and fortunately, in war-time, it is easier to raise "steam" in early autumn than in later winter. Nothing is more suitable for the purpose than succulent, fresh green food—grass for preference but, failing that, some specially grown forage crop such as lucerne, vetches, rape, kale, etc., will suffice. Super-succulence can, if necessary, be counteracted by a little hay.

In general, if we look after the protein, the carbohydrate will take care of itself. And this goes for the whole lactation period. Most of our home-grown foodstuffs abound in carbohydrates; they tend to be relatively short of protein. The chief sources of home-grown protein are fresh, young grass and other tender greenstuff, such as kale; and in the dry form—beans, peas and linseed. With these, and as much grass silage and young hay as we can conserve in first-class form, we should be largely independent of imported protein concentrates. In view of the shipping situation we cannot count on as much oilcake as hitherto; we must plan to do without it.

Every dairy farmer should grow kale enough to supply his cows with green-stuff up to Christmas. This, along with hay or even oat straw, is more than a foundation for any ration. For the first few months of the New Year he must provide silage or mangolds. With mangolds, which are mainly carbohydrate, must go some really first-class hay to supply protein. We must plan our hay-feeding, always reserving the best for the second half of winter.

Farmers on heavy land can grow beans; farmers on light can grow peas. Almost everywhere it is possible to grow a mixture of oats and peas and even beans as well.

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SQUADRON PARADE at RAMSGATE

Sunday, 7th March, 1943

10.20 hours: INSPECTION by His Worship the Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe, J.P.), at CHATHAM HOUSE, Ramsgate.

11.00 hours: SERVICE AT PARISH CHURCH conducted by Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, M.A. (Squadron Chaplain).

12.10 hours: Squadron will march to QUEEN STREET CAR PARK where Commanding Officer will hand the Parade over to GROUP CAPTAIN C. F. GORDON, O.B.E., M.C., D.F.C. (Commandant of the South Eastern Command A.T.C.), who will address the unit. After which the MAYOR will add his good wishes.

12.40 hours: Squadron will march back to Chatham House via Queen Street and High Street. The Commandant will take the SALUTE from outside the POST OFFICE in High Street.

Squadron Drum and Fife Band will be on Parade

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Sunday Mar. 7 for 1 day	EAST OF THE RIVER	A	John Garfield, Brenda Marshall
	Here Comes Happiness	U	Mildred Coles, Edward Norris
Monday Mar. 8 for 3 days	10 GENTLEMEN FROM WEST POINT	U	George Montgomery, Maureen O'Hara, John Sutton
	Tombstone	U	Richard Dix, Kent Taylor, Frances Gifford
Thursday Mar. 11 for 3 days	CALLING DR. GILLESPIE	A	Lionel Barrymore, Philip Dorn
	THE FALCON'S BROTHER	A	George Sanders, Tom Conway, Jane Randolph
Sunday Mar. 14 for 1 day	APPOINTMENT FOR LOVE	U	Charles Boyer, Margaret Sullavan
	Black Limelight	A	Joan Marion, Raymond Massey
Monday Mar. 15 for 3 days	FOREST RANGERS	A	Fred McMurray, Paulette Goddard, Susan Hayward
	Thru' Different Eyes	A	Frank Craven, Mary Howard
Thursday Mar. 18 for 3 days	THIS ABOVE ALL	A	Tyrone Power, Joan Fontaine
	Full Supporting Programme		
Sunday Mar. 21 for 1 day	MEN WITHOUT SOULS	A	John Litel, Rochelle Hudson
	Good Morning, Boys	A	Will Hay
Monday Mar. 22 for 3 days	WE'LL SMILE AGAIN	U	Flanagan and Allen
	My Heart Belongs to Daddy	U	Richard Carlson, Martha O'Driscoll
Thursday Mar. 25 for 3 days	WHO DONE IT?	U	Abbot and Costello
	Great Impersonation	U	Ralph Bellamy, Evelyn Ankers
Sunday Mar. 28 for 1 day	SHE KNEW ALL THE ANSWERS	U	Joan Bennett, Franchot Tone
	Adventure in Sahara	A	Paul Kelly
Monday Mar. 29 for 3 days	BETWEEN US GIRLS	U	Diana Barrymore, Robert Cummings, Kay Francis
	Supporting—A Selected Second Feature		

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On Service

NEWS OF THANET MEN & WOMEN

"Yes, we have some bananas." At least, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Quick, of St. Elmo, Southwood-road, Ramsgate, have. One of their sons, Ldg. Smn. Reginald Quick, R.N., who was engaged in convoying the troops to North Africa, brought a couple of dozen home during a recent short leave—and some lemons, too. Reg is one of four serving brothers and he left the Kelham Theological College two years ago to enter the Royal Navy. Twenty-two years of age, he is an old boy of Ellington and Christ Church schools and was formerly a leading choirboy at Christ Church. As a boy Reg made quite a name for himself as a composer and it will be recalled that in 1935 his talent in this direction won him a medal of the League of Youth—the same honour as was bestowed on Amy Johnson and Sir Malcolm Campbell. Exciting experiences have come his way in the Navy, for he took part in the first convoy to North Russia. He is engaged on radiolocation work and looks forward to returning, after the war, to the college, where he is studying for holy orders.

Of Reg's three brothers, two are in the Royal Air Force and the other in the Royal Engineers. The eldest, Doug, who was formerly a watch and clock repairer in Ramsgate, is in the instruments section of the R.A.F. in the south of England and his wife and child are living at Tunbridge Wells. He is 32 years old and was educated at Christ Church school.

L/Cpl. Leslie Quick, the second son, aged 28, is working on transport in the Royel Engineers, in which he has been serving for over five years. Also an old boy of Christ Church school, he has been in the Middle East for four years. Before starting his military career, he saw much of the world as a steward on liners travelling to Australia and America, going to Sydney when he was only 15 years of age. Afterwards he became head waiter at the Grand Hotel, Broadstairs. Leslie is engaged to Miss Nancy Neale, of 2 Shanklin-terrace, Broadstairs, who, as a sergeant in the A.T.S., is stationed in the Midlands.

The youngest son, Ronald (20), was a shop assistant at Messrs. White, Fuller and Co. Ltd., outfitters, of High-street, Ramsgate, until joining the Royal Air Force ground staff in April, 1941. He is now stationed in the Shetland Islands. Together with his brother Reg, Ron was another leading choirboy at Christ Church and he was educated at Ellington and Christ Church schools.

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The familiar face of Acm. 2 Harry Watkins was seen in Ramsgate recently, when he enjoyed a week's leave, staying with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Challenger, of 18 South Eastern-road. Harry, aged 19, is an old boy of St. George's Central school, and last

August he entered the Air/Sea Rescue Service of the Royal Air Force. He was formerly a King's Scout in Ramsgate, where he was employed, first by the Ramsgate and District Electric Supply Co. Ltd. and then by the Isle of Thanet Broadcast Relay Service Ltd. Harry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Watkins, are now living in Yorkshire.

You like to have news from your sons and daughters in the forces—so do we. We invite you to pass on their stories to us so that their friends may know how they are getting along.

One of the Ramsgate men who went through the siege of Tobruk writes cheerfully from the Middle East to say that "everybody is awfully bucked about the way things are going." He is Bdr. Donald Hudson, R.A., a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hudson, of the Australian Arms, Ashburnham-road. Donald is engaged in duties with an anti-aircraft battery and in letters to his parents says "The rains have packed up now, for the season I hope, and everything has dried up pretty quickly. . . . We shall never forget our Christmas here. The Army certainly knows how to look after its men at Christmas." Don should know, for he has spent the festive season twice in the Middle East and once on the water. He is 27 years old and a former scholar of St. George's Central school. A member of the old Margate Territorial battery, he worked in the Ramsgate offices of Messrs. Emery and Hoppit, the solicitors. He was a prominent member of the Birchington Motor Cycling Club and some of his old club colleagues are out there with him.

Donald has experienced the pleasures of a holiday at an Army rest camp, the surroundings of which are as near like parts of England as any he has yet seen—"trees, green lanes, perfect swimming, sailing dingies for hire, boat trips and fine recreation rooms."

His married brother, Eldridge (better known as Jimmy) Hudson, one of Ramsgate's most proficient amateur footballers, who played for the Grenville and later for Olby's, is working in the south at an aircraft factory, where he is shop steward. Until leaving Ramsgate nearly three years ago, he was employed at the Star Garage, Broad-street. A sister, Mrs. Holden, living in Suffolk, is the wife of an R.A.F. sergeant.

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The family of the late Alderman S. Shea, of Margate, is represented in the Army, Royal Air Force, W.R.N.S. and the Red Cross. One of the sons, Capt. Francis M. Shea, is with the Royal Engineers, and the other, Flt.-Lt. George M. Shea, is in the R.A.F. Miss Margaret Shea is a member of the W.R.N.S. and her sister Winifred is a Red Cross nurse. Capt. Shea's wife lives at Datchet, Bucks, and their daughter, Daphne, has joined the W.A.A.F.

Among the younger Old St. Georgians now in the armed forces is Bill Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Rogers, of 81 Crescent-road, Ramsgate, who entered the Royal Air Force as a volunteer six months ago. Acm. Rogers, who is 18½ years old, has passed his flight mechanic's course and is now beginning another course as a fitter at a station in the north of England. Unfortunately the seven days' leave he has just spent in Ramsgate was not quite so enjoyable as it might have been as Bill caught a nasty cold, but he managed to spend one or two happy evenings meeting old pals at the Oddfellows' Club. After leaving school, Bill, whose father is a sergeant in Ramsgate police force, worked in the offices of Mr. William J. Austen, the builder, and he later went to Cardiff, where he was employed until joining up by the Western Trinidad Lake Asphalt Co.

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Friends of Cpl. D. Paterson, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. P. Paterson, of 63 Bursill-crescent, Ramsgate, will be interested to know that he has arrived in Ceylon. Joining the R.A.F.-V.R. in September, 1941, he spent nearly two years in Scotland, volunteered for overseas duties and left this country last July. He has been promoted to corporal since going abroad. In an airgraph letter to his parents, Cpl. Paterson says he is fit and well, has had some exciting experiences, and among the things he asks for are "the Advertiser and Echo and a bit of English snow." He might offer a few pounds of Ceylon tea in exchange!

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Another Ramsgate fellow doing his bit in North Africa is Pte. William T. Sayer, of The Buffs, a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sayer, of 3 Grosvenor-road. Formerly working at the County Laundry, he is 20 years of age, an old boy of Ellington school, and joined the Army 12 months ago.

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Now out of hospital after his recent illness, L/Sgt. R. Dennett, son of Mr. E. H. Dennett, of Eaton-road, Margate, has passed an examination in the Royal Engineers as tank mine instructor. He is a member of the Old Centrals' Club and has ten cousins in the forces. One of them, E. Dennett, is a prisoner in Italian hands.

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George Bax, a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Bax, of 8 Lawn-villas, Gordon-road, Westwood, is serving in the Middle East with a Highland regiment. Before joining the Army he worked on a farm and his brother, Fred, formerly employed as a butcher, has been in the Royal Marines for the past two years. They have two brothers-in-law in the forces—James Pope, a Royal Air Force fitter in Ireland, and Samuel Jefcoate, who is with the Royal Navy in Scotland. The latter used to work for a local building firm.

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Serving as a driver in the R.A.F. for the past three years, Cpl. R. Wellman, of Margate, was recently married at Woodley Church, Reading, to Miss Mabel Bell, of Liverpool.

ISLE OF THANET BUILDING SOCIETY

NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

THE Directors have pleasure in submitting their Report upon the Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1942, from which the following figures are extracted:—

Total Assets	£2,934,769
Balance due to Shareholders	£2,275,713
Balance due to Depositors	£ 462,691
Balance due on Mortgages	£2,755,959
Trustee Investments and Cash Balances	£ 191,721
Reserve and Surplus Funds	£ 159,421

Shares and Deposits. The profit on the year's working enables the Directors again to make a distribution of interest to Shareholders at the rate of 2½%, calculated on monthly balances, which amounts to £55,449. The current interest rate for ordinary Deposits is 2¼%. Income Tax on all interest allowed to Shareholders and Depositors is borne by the Society.

Withdrawals by Depositors in 1942 were £39,230 (compared with £92,366 in 1941), whilst the amount paid to Shareholders including interest was £53,901.

Mortgages. The sum of £6,845 advanced during the year, relates solely to fresh Mortgages granted upon the occasion of a change in ownership of certain mortgaged properties.

The amount of interest charged to Members' Accounts but not collected in 1942 was £9,352 (compared with £16,414 in 1941) and this sum has been added to the special Unpaid Interest Reserve. The total amount now reserved for this purpose for the years 1940-1942 is £34,260.

The Society continues to grant to many borrowing Members, whose position has been adversely affected by the War, temporary concessions in repayments under their contracts, and gives guidance to those whose properties have suffered damage through enemy action.

Investments and Cash Balances. Due to the improvement in Income, Loans from Bankers have been completely repaid, whilst holdings of Investments and Cash Balances have been substantially increased. The Society's holdings of Trustee securities at the end of the year had a market value of £5,072 in excess of the figure at which they are included in the accounts.

Profit and Loss Account and Appropriations. After providing for Management Expenses, the cost of photographing Mortgage and other Deeds, interest on Deposits and Loans, Losses on Realisation, Income Tax and National Defence Contribution, there is a balance of Profit for the year to 31st December, 1942, of ... £66,938 1 9
To which is added the Balance brought forward from last year ... £ 5,932 14 2

Making available for Appropriation (as undernoted) the sum of ... £72,870 15 11

Appropriations.

2½% Interest to Shareholders	£55,449 11 5	
Reserve Fund No. 2	£ 4,500 0 0	
War Damage Contributions Account	£ 6,000 0 0	
Reserve for Income Tax and other Expenses Account	£ 2,500 0 0	
		£68,449 11 5
Leaving a Balance to be carried forward to next year of		£ 4,421 4 6

Directors. The Society suffered a severe loss by the death of Mr. Samuel Nash on 15th January, 1943. Mr. Nash, who became a Director in 1912, was the senior member of the Board, and during his long period of office rendered very valuable service to the Society.

The Directors retiring by rotation in 1943 are Messrs. H. Bing, H. J. D. Fuller and H. G. R. Hinds, who are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors. Subject to confirmation at the Annual General Meeting, the Directors have re-appointed the firm of Messrs R. H. Marsh and Co., Chartered Accounts, as Auditors.

The Directors have to record with regret the death in July, 1942, of the senior partner, Mr. Robert H. Marsh, whose connection with the Society dates from 1912. Mr. Marsh was Secretary of the National Association of Building Societies from 1888 to 1937.

Annual Meeting. The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Society's Offices, 46 Queen Street, Ramsgate, on Thursday, March 11th, 1943, at 3 p.m.

Ramsgate. By order of the Board,
1st March, 1943. WILLIAM W. WETHERILL, Secretary.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Whist Drives held every evening at Ramsgate Working Men's Club, Chatham-place, at 7 p.m., in aid of the Red Cross Fund. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

Whist Drives every Thursday at 3 p.m., at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, in aid of Red Cross Fund and Mayor's Services Comforts Fund alternately. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

Building Society Meeting.—The annual meeting of members of the Isle of Thanet Building Society is to be held at the society's offices at 46 Queen-street, Ramsgate, at 3 p.m. on Thursday, 11th March.

You cannot do better than take anything you have to sell to an old-established firm. Prosser and Newbery buy old gold jewellery, silver plate, glass, cutlery, etc. Licensed valuers. 47 and 48 Queen street, Ramsgate.

Factory Worker Fined.—At Ramsgate police court on Monday Miss Henrietta Rita Bredin, aged 21, factory worker, of Coleman-crescent, was fined 5s. for failing to produce her identity card at a police station within two days as requested by a police officer.

School Attendance.—The average attendance at Ramsgate elementary and central schools during January was 1,502, giving a percentage of 87·78. The number on the roll for the week ended 19th February was 1,740. The January attendance list was topped by St. George's Senior Boys with 91·73.

Girl Again Remanded.—Appearing again before the magistrates at Ramsgate juvenile court on Monday, concerning the theft of a quantity of crockery and glassware, valued at £46 15s. 6d., from 64 King-street, between 14th and 28th September, a 14-year-old girl was ordered to a remand home until Tuesday next. The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said the magistrates were considering sending the girl to an approved school.

Home Guard Social.—There was a large gathering of members and friends at the third social and dance held by D (Ramsgate) Company, Home Guard, at Willson's-road Drill Hall, on Saturday. A "penny-on-the-drum" competition and the auctioning of a cigarette lighter realised a total of £1 19s. for the Red Cross Prisoner of War Fund. The committee wish to thank all who gave prizes and to invite all members of H.M. Forces to the next social and dance (admission free).

NEW COUNCILLOR WELCOMED

Councillor A. T. Tucker, the newly-elected representative of the Kingsgate Ward, was welcomed by the Chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) at the monthly meeting of Broadstairs Council on Monday.

Councillor Pearson said Councillor Tucker had come among them during somewhat difficult times but nevertheless he was sure he would find the duties assigned to him of considerable interest and the Council would be pleased to have the benefit of his services.

The Chairman welcomed back Councillor G. W. Lane, who was attending his first meeting following a serious illness.

BILLETING ARREARS

ORDER AGAINST RAMSGATE WOMAN

At Ramsgate police court on Monday Mrs. Ivy Victoria Grace Stupples, of Margate-road, Ramsgate, was summoned for being £17 11s. in arrear in the payment of 15s. 6d. a week in respect of her three children in the reception area.

Mr. E. C. Allfree, representing the Ministry of Health, said the children, aged ten, eight and seven years, were evacuated in June, 1940, and the claim was in respect of a period of six months. Defendant could have appealed against the assessment of 15s. 6d. a week but failed to do so. Defendant's husband was in the Army and she drew an allowance of £3 14s. 6d. a week. She had one child, aged two years, at home with her. Repeated applications for payment had been made to defendant but she absolutely ignored them.

In reply to the Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knigh), Mr. Allfree said there were considerable other arrears but claim was being made in respect of a period of six months only.

The magistrates made an order for the payment of 18s. a week, to include current payments and instalments off the arrears.

INCREASED CHARGES

PIERREMONT RESTAURANT MEALS

The charge for a hot mid-day meal for adults at Pierremont Restaurant, Broadstairs, has been increased from 10½d. to 11d. but the charge for a cup of tea, which is not to be sold except with a meal, is reduced from 1½d. to 1d.

The report of the British Restaurant Committee, approved by the Council on Monday, stated that, arising out of consideration of the statement of accounts, Councillors B. Humphrey and S. W. Fright had been requested to investigate the possibility of effecting a reduction of expenditure "on the lines now indicated."

The financial statement for the four weeks ended 13th February showed a surplus carried to net revenue account of £5 5s. 1d.

A.T.C'S SECOND BIRTHDAY

The second anniversary of the formation of the 438 (Thanet) Squadron Air Training Corps will be celebrated at Ramsgate on Sunday.

Following an inspection of the cadets at Chatham House by the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), the members will attend a service at St. George's Church and then march to Queen-street car park, where an address is to be given by Group-Capt. C. F. Gordon, O.B.E., M.C., D.F.C., commandant of the South-Eastern Command A.T.C.

MAGISTRATES' CONCERN

OVER LATE DANCE HOURS

A hint that applications for late night dance extensions might not receive such favourable consideration in the future was given by the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

After granting applications for extensions made by Mr. R. J. Costerton, Sands and Entertainments Manager, in respect of the West Cliff Theatre, Mr. Perry said the bench wished him to say that the magistrates were a little concerned about the lateness of the hours of some of the dances.

"In the future we shall have seriously to consider whether we can grant such long extensions," said Mr. Perry. "We are men and women of the world and we realise that in war-time recreation is essential but we also have evidence that these late hours are not conducive to the good of some of the people in the own. This is a hint for all future applicants. We shall, of course, judge all applications on their merits, but we are not very happy about these long extensions. We have reason to feel they are not altogether good for the young people of this town."

Mr. Perry added that there was no reflection on Mr. Costerton or others who had been responsible for dances.

Mr. Costerton said when he made application for an extension until 1 a.m. dancing did not continue after 12.30. He asked for the extra half-hour so that everyone should be away from the hall before 1 a.m.

The magistrates had previously granted applications made by Mr. Costerton for extensions until 1 a.m. at the West Cliff Theatre for a St. Patrick's ball to be held on 17th March, on 7th April for a ball in aid of the Army Cadet Corps sports fund and also for a ball to be held on 1st April.

Mr. W. G. Love was granted an occasional license in respect of each of the dances from 7.30 p.m. until 12.30 a.m.

MARGATE MAN'S SUDDEN DEATH

Mr. Alfred John Claris, of Milton-avenue, Margate, collapsed and died in the presence of his wife shortly after going to bed on Monday night last week.

Seventy-nine years of age, Mr. Claris was formerly employed in the roads department of Margate Corporation.

As death was due to natural causes an inquest was unnecessary.

RAILWAY AMBULANCE LOSS

PRESENTATION TO SGT. E. CARRETT

Hon. Sgt. E. Carrett, who has retired from his post as secretary of the Ramsgate S.R. Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, was presented with a barometer in recognition of his valuable services at the annual meeting of the division last week.

Entering the railway service in 1930 at the age of 15½ years, Mr. Carrett joined the ambulance brigade in 1933 and was elected secretary in 1937. He was a member of the team which won the Dunn shield, the Sir Charles Warren shield, the Railway cup and the Borough cup in 1936, 1937 and 1938, and was also a winner of the Spooner cup for individual work. Owing to many members being in the Home Guard and the fact that the divisional drills were cancelled in the summer months, Mr. Carrett assisted in the training of cadets.

The presentation was made by the president (Councillor Mrs. F. L. Dunn), who took the chair at the meeting. She said they all thanked him for his wonderful work and, remarking that the barometer was set "fair," said she hoped he would meet with success in the higher position he was taking at Tunbridge Wells. They wished him "God speed" in his new venture.

Those present included Dr. A. N. Gordon (divisional surgeon), Dr. D. P. Crawford (town divisional surgeon), Cdt. Supt. W. Norris (corps financial secretary), Supt. A. C. White and Mr. Carrett.

After Mr. Carrett had presented his annual report, Pte. O'Rourke was elected to take his place as secretary.

Cdt. Supt. Norris, after giving the financial report, said he looked forward to more active co-operation between the Ramsgate divisions.

Wonderful Work.

In her address the president said she was more than pleased with the year's wonderful work and hoped for another flag day in 1943. She thanked the doctors for all their good work and went on to refer to the tragic death in an accident of Pte. W. Shaw, who had served the movement so faithfully. The members stood for a few moments in silent tribute.

In a short address Dr. Gordon said he thought all railwaymen should have a knowledge of ambulance work in view of he fact that the enemy were concentrating on railways. He thanked the secretary for his valuable assistance and mentioned that one of the members, Pte. R. Webzell, was the leader of the team which won the county first-aid A.R.P. competition last year.

Dr. Crawford reported on the work of the cadet division, which was steadily growing. He hoped members would give all possible assistance in this direction for the cadets of to-day were the ambulancemen of to-morrow.

Sgt. G. Pointer said he had received a letter from Corps Officer W. H. Sinden, who was serving with the R.A.M.C. Mr. Sinden, he said, had been granted the Order of Serving Brothers for services rendered to the brigade and sent his best wishes to all members.

Another short report was presented by Transport Sgt. D. Thomas.

Following a lengthy discussion on the question of promotion, it was agreed, on the proposition of Pte. Buckley, that Sgt. Pointer should be recommended for the post of ambulance officer.

Ptes. Webzell, J. Sutton, Norman, Redwood and Buckley were elected to serve on the divisional committee.

RELIGION AND LIFE WEEK

Arrangements are now well advanced for the Religion and Life Week which is to be held in Ramsgate from 10th to 19th April.

The object of the week is to present before the public the relationship between religion and everyday life. Acknowledged leaders of thought will speak and open discussions on such subjects as the linking of Christianity with the social order, family life, industry and commerce, education, the individual and international relations.

NAVY ENTERTAINS AT ODEON

It was a case of "the Navy's here" at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, on Friday.

Five jolly tars and one member of the W.R.N.S. gave a delightful little show ably compered by C/M/M Frank Cox, who is not new to Odeon patrons. Besides contributing the patter between the items he gave a clever imitation in dumb show of a man trying to thread a needle.

E/R/M G. S. Harrington and A/B W. Capell supplied a dual mouth-organ turn, and A/C/M/M James Sinclair, Mrs. B. Bull, W.R.N.S., and Tel. J. Finch were the vocalists, accompanied by Wireman F. Rankin.

BROADSTAIRS

On Service.—Mr. L. W. Buckthorpe, temporary building assistant in the Surveyor's Department of Broadstairs Council, has been called up for service with H.M. Forces.

Engineering Assistant's Salary.—The salary of Mr. A. B. Ghent, junior engineering assistant in the Surveyor's Department of Broadstairs Council, has been increased to £5 a week, with effect from 1st February.

Growing More Food.—Broadstairs Council have accepted with thanks the offer of Mr. E. Royalton Kisch to allow the Council the free use of his greenhouses at High Elms, Callis Court-road. The Council have agreed to keep the greenhouses and the heating system in good repair.

Fellowship of Marriage.—With a view to forming a branch of the Fellowship of Marriage, a meeting of young married women was held at Broadstairs Council Schools on Tuesday. An address was given by Mrs. J. D. G. Reeve, who is in charge of the Birchington branch of the Fellowship, and carols were sung by members of Holy Trinity Sunday School.

Housing Rent Arrears.—In any case where the tenant of one of Broadstairs Council houses is in arrear with the payment of rent for a sum equivalent to four weeks, the Clerk (Mr. E. F. Owen) has been authorised to serve a notice to quit and to institute and carry on proceedings for the recovery of possession and arrears of rent.

Ambulance Charges.—Broadstairs Council have decided that for the duration of hostilities no charge shall be made for removals by ambulance within the urban district or between any point in the district and either the Margate or Ramsgate hospitals. The charge for removal by ambulance to Canterbury is £1 or to London £5, but in certain circumstances these charges may be reduced or wholly remitted.

Missionary Sunday.—Mr. Seymour J. Price, of London, an ex-chairman of the Baptist Missionary Society, preached at the Vale Congregational Church, Broadstairs, when the Broadstairs Free Churches observed Missionary Sunday. When another missionary meeting was held on Tuesday the Rev. H. M. Emmott, home on leave from Shan Tung, North China, gave an interesting account of missionary work with the Japanese in power.

Death of Mr. H. E. Harris.—Mr. Herbert Edward Harris, formerly of 20 Magdala-road, St. Peter's, who has died at his son's home in North Cray, Kent, was for nearly 30 years employed by the Isle of Thanet Electric Supply Co. Seventy-eight years of age, he joined the company's staff in 1909 as a conductor on the trams and continued as night watchman and car cleaner until his retirement in 1937. He was secretary to several slate clubs in St. Peter's and leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter. Mr. Reginald Harris, the eldest son, at one time played cricket for Broadstairs.

Certificates of Merit.—On the suggestion of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Broadstairs Council have agreed to co-operate in the scheme for the award of certificates of merit to amateur gardeners and allotment-holders to encourage the production of vegetable crops in a way which will ensure a continuous supply of produce for the household for the greater part of the year, and particularly during the winter and spring months. A sub-committee consisting of Councillors O. Robinson, B. Humphrey, B. J. Pearson and Messrs. Barker and Parker has been appointed to make all necessary arrangements.

Good Templary.—At their weekly meeting in the Good Templar Hall, Broadstairs, on Tuesday, members of the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., approved arrangements for an "at home" in aid of the Amalgamated Societies' Hospital Fund to be held on 18th May. Mrs. L. A. Ware, C.T., who presided, was congratulated on her election as District Supt. of Educational Work and good wishes were received from a number of visiting members from Ramsgate. Mrs. N. McCabe gave a comprehensive report of the annual session of the East Kent District Lodge and Mr. E. J. Glover conducted the intercession service.

LIGHTS AT N.F.S. BUILDING

At the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday, Sec.-Ldr. William Thomas Dalziel, of the National Fire Service, was fined £1 for permitting a light to show from N.F.S. premises at Fairfield House, Broadstairs, on the night of 10th February.

It was stated that a light was seen shining from the front door of the building.

Defendant said although he was technically responsible he was not the person who left the door open. At the time he was engaged in the control room.

FATAL ROAD ACCIDENT

A soldier, whose wife gave birth to a baby 14 days previously, received fatal injuries in a motor cycling accident at Brooks End-hill, Birchington, on Friday.

He was Gnr. William Edward Shakeshaft Jones, R.A., and he sustained his injuries when the motor cycle he was riding came into collision with a Slave carrier. He died in Margate Hospital the following day.

A verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned by the Acting Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) at an inquest on Monday.

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Margate Education Committee have turned down the suggestion that they should adopt scale IV in the payment of teachers' salaries—the same scale as that paid in the London area.

The increased cost to Margate of the adoption of the suggesion would be £2,500 per annum.

Health Education.—Broadstairs Council propose to make provision in the estimates of expenditure for the coming year for the payment of a contribution of £1 1s. to the Central Council for Health Education. A similar contribution is also to be made to the Kent Council of Social Service.

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Births, Marriages, Deaths

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MARRIAGES

Attridge—Woodman.—22nd February, at St. Margaret's Parish Church, Stanford-Le-Hope, Essex, by special license, Staff-Sgt. Leonard Attridge, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Attridge, of Stanford-Le-Hope, to Elsie, daughter of Mr. F. W. Woodman, of Ramsgate.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Preston—Hall.—26th February, 1893, at Cavendish Church, Ramsgate, George Daniel Preston, of Ramsgate, to Maria Hall, of Lower Walmer, Deal. Late of 15 Hibernia-street, Ramsgate, now residing at 7 Quintin-avenue, Merton Park, Surrey, S.W.20.

DEATHS

Bicker.—23rd February, at Wellard Cottage, High-street, Minster, Isaac John Bicker, aged 74 years.

Claris.—22nd February, at 24 Milton-avenue, Margate, Alfred John Claris, aged 79 years.

Fennell.—23rd February, at Herbert-road, Ramsgate, Frederick William Fennell, aged 68 years.

Harris.—19th February, at Loring Hall Lodge, North Cray, Kent, Herbert Edward Harris, late of St. Peter's, aged 78 years.

Oliver.—23rd February, at 4 Hartsdown-mansions, Margate, James Oliver, aged 79 years.

Paine.—19th February, at Tunbridge Wells, Edward Paine, of Pax, Royal-esplanade, Margate.

Peters.—20th February, at 11 Goodwin-road, Margate, Sarah Maggie Peters, aged 70 years.

Philpott.—22nd February, at Norwood, West Malling, Richard William Philpott, aged 83 years.

Saunders.—18th February, at Canterbury, John Walter Saunders, late of Ramsgate, aged 82 years.

Vaile.—22nd February, at South View, Compton Martin, Somerset, after a short illness, Elizabeth Malyn Vaile, daughter of the late Capt. L. W. Vaile, J.P., of Ramsgate, in her 83rd year. Cremated at Bristol Crematorium, Funeral Arno's Vale Cemetery, Bristol, on Thursday, 25th inst.

Williams.—19th February, at Faversham, Rose Williams, late of Ramsgate, aged 76 years.

RETURN THANKS

The family of the late Mrs. H. A. Solly wish to convey heartfelt thanks for messages of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement and for all beautiful floral tributes sent: also the doctor for his kind attention, and friends for their help, and Mr. W. H. Maskell for funeral arrangements.

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